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County Council Does Their Books

Liz Danielsens
Staff Reporter

Yesterday was a red letter day for the County Council as their budget passed smoothly. The total County levy will be \$10,106,000 which represents a 3% increase or an additional \$476,400 over last year. This was apparently not an easy task, as Warden Eleanor Harrison thanked all of the Staff and Council for their hard work and consideration over a number of months.

Harrison reminded the Council of comments she had made in her inaugural speech about the County trying to do more with less. The County has run an extremely tight ship and has had to spend much of their reserves to maintain single digit tax increases. Harrison spoke of the County's aging infrastructure and recent disappointments in not receiving anticipated funding for much needed projects. With this budget, Harrison says the County can once again start to look after the future, given their allocation of \$100,000 into reserves.

Harrison said that if the budget passed, there would be a 3% increase which reflects the present day rate of inflation. There was some caution in her voice however, as even though there is an increase in

the budget, there are no allowances for extras. Harrison was also quick to add that without the

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Highlands East: Council Takes a Stand on Uranium

Liz Danielsens
Staff Reporter

The Highlands East Council made a surprising move this week and has taken an official stand on uranium exploration and mining. At their meeting on Tuesday, Council resolved to petition the Provincial Government for an immediate moratorium on uranium prospecting, exploration, mining and other associated activities in Highlands East.

In March, Council agreed to invite members of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration) to their meeting on April 22nd. FUME requested the meeting in order to make a presentation to Council and to try to determine Council's position once and for all on Bancroft Uranium's proposed Monmouth open pit uranium project. Things came to a head over the last couple of weeks when members of Council started to receive e-mails, letters and calls voicing concerns about the potential dangers of uranium mining and asking Council to take a stronger leadership role on the issue.

Reeve Dave Burton says he contacted Robin Simpson, one of FUME's co-founders, and basically asked him to put his cards on the table. In response to Burton asking what FUME wanted, Simpson said they would like to see the Council pass a resolution supporting a moratorium on uranium mining and development. Council agreed to move discussions up to their meeting on the 8th and a draft resolution as well as one of many e-mails was put on the agenda to initiate their discussion.

When the resolution was presented at their meeting, Burton told the Council that he would like them to consider a temporary ban on uranium mining to allow sufficient time for the Municipality to get some answers to concerns being raised. Councillor Suzanne Partridge said "I'm thrilled to see the resolution on the table for discussion." Partridge says she believes there are a lot of inherent dangers associated with uranium mining. She also said she believed that uranium mining is not an activity that would complement the

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Council Petitions Province for Moratorium on Mining

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economy in Highlands East in any way, adding that there are many concerns including health risks, dust and noise pollution and potential for water contamination (to name a few,) that must be addressed before the activity can be allowed.

The resolution included nine 'whereas' clauses. In essence it outlines concerns that uranium exploration and development activity are allowed to proceed without any authorization from the municipality or conservation authority and may be inconsistent with the aims of the municipality's Official Plan. It states that open pit uranium mining and the associated milling operations may cause degradation to their recreational environment and cause danger and financial risks to persons and property through the introduction of recognized toxins in watersheds, the air and land.

The resolution cites Highlands East's economy as being more broadly rooted in tourism and recreational pursuits and that the municipality now envisions itself as a four-season recreational playground. The resolution also states that mining activity could have a negative impact on local businesses that depend on the

seasonal influx of cottagers and tourists and that there could be a negative impact on land values, even causing a potential net loss on jobs. The resolution also addresses concerns that the largest portion of municipal tax revenues which presently come from recreational waterfront properties may be impacted by reduced

residents, voicing concerns about open pit mining. Burton says "I'm particularly concerned when residents use words like fear." He also commented that a number of seasonal people had indicated their intention to sell their properties and move should mining in the area become a likelihood. Burton voiced his

concern that the number of jobs that may be available as a result of the Bancroft Uranium project could be outweighed by a loss of jobs if there is sufficient negative reaction to mining in the area.

Burton says "I think the request for a moratorium is fair until we get some answers to our concerns. If a moratorium is put in place and the Mining Act reviewed, it will

give our residents a greater level of comfort."

Burton voiced his appreciation for the efforts of FUME members and other concerned citizens to help with development of the resolution that Council passed. He also said that while he wasn't convinced that the government would act, he looked forward to seeing the results of FUME's continued lobbying efforts.

As a matter of interest, Premier McGuinty made a campaign promise during the last election to conduct a comprehensive review of the Mining Act passed in 1990. While this is a promise that he has failed to fulfill to date, McGuinty has recently renewed his assurances that a review will be conducted over the next few years.

For their part, FUME's co-founders are excited to see the resolution pass, after months of discussion between Council and community members. According to Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, it is their sincere hope that the surrounding municipalities will join with Highlands East and the 12 other municipalities in pressuring the Province to call for a moratorium. According to Simpson, members of FUME now plan to focus their attention on the McGuinty government.

FUME also released a statement thanking the Council of Highlands East for their consideration, concern and support. They look forward to continuing a positive working relationship in the future. FUME is also offering their thanks to the many concerned citizens who have voiced their opposition to uranium mining and exploration in Haliburton County, adding that "your voices are being heard."

As to the resolution; it will be forwarded to the Premier, to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, to Barry Devolin, MP, Laurie Scott, MPP and the County of Haliburton, seeking their support. ■

"I think the request for a moratorium is fair until we get some answers to our concerns. If a moratorium is put in place and the Mining Act reviewed, it will give our residents a greater level of comfort."

property values or assessments which could ultimately necessitate a curtailment of services offered to all residents.

The resolution also references 12 other municipalities in eastern Ontario that have similar concerns and have passed similar resolutions calling for a moratorium on all mining and exploration until changes are made to the Mining Act; not to mention the fact that concerned local citizens groups have begun organizing petitions and letters of objection about uranium activity in Highlands East.

The bottom line of the resolution is that Council has decided to petition the Province of Ontario and Premier Dalton McGuinty to initiate an immediate moratorium on uranium prospecting, exploration, mining or other processing in Highlands East and its watershed areas until all related environmental and health issues are resolved. Council also requests that the government gives favorable consideration to similar petitions submitted by other municipalities in Ontario and that the Province undertake an immediate and comprehensive review of the Mining Act (1990) with a view to curtailing the present system, where sub-surface rights of mineral claims dominate the surface rights of private landowners.

Council deliberated the resolution for a relatively short time and in a three to one vote, it was formally adopted. It should be noted that Reeve Burton and Councillors Partridge and Donna Graham voted in favour of the resolution and Councillor Gary Stoughton voted against the moratorium. Deputy Jim Reeve Mackie was not present at the meeting, as he was out of Province.

When asked how Council had reached this junction, Reeve Burton said that he had been gathering more and more information on the matter. Burton said that, along with many concerns being raised in the past, Councillors had recently received more than 40 e-mails and letters from both seasonal and permanent

County Council's Budget Limited to 3% Increase

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infusion of money from the province the Council would have been facing double digit increases in order to complete their projects.

County Treasurer Laura Janke presented the highlights of the budget to the County Council. A total surplus from 2007 in the amount of \$57,037 will be applied to the 2008 working fund reserve. A provincial grant of \$2,437,900 will be invested in the roads and bridges capital works program for 2008. These funds will be coming to the County by June 30th with a requirement that they be spent in 2008. Janke said that overall there has been a reduction of \$688,700 from the budget that was presented in January. Janke itemized each of the changes that had been made for Council's information.

Another piece of good news for everyone in the County is that there will be no increase to the School levy. Janke reviewed the combined total tax levies throughout the County which includes the levies by each municipality, the school and the County. Highlands East will have the highest increase at 2.58%, Algonquin Highlands comes in at 2.47%, Minden Hills at 1.96% and Dysart at 1.84%.

Of particular interest to some groups are the grant allocations, totalling \$71,000 made to outside organizations. Council approved \$5,000 to the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, \$10,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, \$40,000 to Trails and Tours, \$10,000 for the Stanhope Municipal Airport, \$5,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council and \$1,000 to the Community Action Group on Drugs and Alcohol. There will be some disappointments here as several requests were turned down and other requests were reduced. The Haliburton ATV Association had submitted a request for \$4,000 and U-Links requested \$5,000 but both were unsuccessful. Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association received 1/2 of their original request and the Arts Council only received 25% of their request.

Numerous questions were posed by Council on individual departmental budgets but no changes were made to the actual figures once detailed explanations were given. However, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey had one major recommendation for Council's consideration. Fearrey said that over the years there have been a considerable number of changes and he recommended a full organizational review. When asked where those funds should come from, he recommended they come out of reserves. Fearrey said this would be an excellent tool to see where the Council was going and how best to get there. Fearrey also said that the overall structure of government has changed so dramatically that a review should prove to be of considerable assistance to everyone.

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch cautioned the Council that should they contemplate undergoing such a review, they must be prepared to accept and act on the recommendations being made. This recommendation was considered, commented on and supported by all Council members. Warden Harrison did warn Council that such a review could come back to haunt them, saying the recommendations could be more difficult than everyone realized. She did, however say that she agreed that a review would prove beneficial.

Finally, the Council passed a resolution that the County of Haliburton request proposals for a full organization review, which is to be funded out of the working fund reserves.

Council then formally adopted the by-laws which approved the Budget and once again Harrison thanked the administration and department heads for their work on the budget. Harrison, tongue firmly planted in her cheek said "working with the treasurer is not always easy", but quickly added that Janke had done a super job bringing their budget in with only a 3% increase.

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We have already received some amazing donations such as Leaf Tickets, Raptors Tickets, theater tickets to 2 Toronto Broadway shows and kids there will be a Wii for auction!!!!

If you would like to sign up a team or make a donation to the auction, all the support will be greatly appreciated!!!

Please contact Jenn Whiteway @705-754-9265
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Thank You

THURSDAY



Partly cloudy and mild

▲ 12° ▼ 5°

FRIDAY



Cloudy with rain likely

▲ 8° ▼ 2°

SATURDAY



Showers likely, some snow north and east

▲ 7° ▼ 2°

SUNDAY



Rain and snow mix likely

▲ 3° ▼ -3°

MONDAY



Rain and snow mix continues

▲ 4° ▼ -2°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy and warmer

▲ 9° ▼ 2°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with showers likely

▲ 12° ▼ 2°

AROUND THE REGION: A series of storm systems will provide precipitation and cool temperatures for much of the week. After a pleasant day on Thursday, showers will begin Friday and will last intermittently through Monday, mixing with snow at times on Sunday and Monday. Partly cloudy skies return Tuesday, but showers return on Wednesday.



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otik	Friday Hi/Lo/Otik	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otik	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otik	Monday Hi/Lo/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otik
Bancroft	12/6/pc	7/2/ra	6/2/sh	3/-3/mx	3/-2/mx	9/2/pc	11/2/sh
Barrie	14/7/pc	9/3/ra	9/3/sh	3/-3/mx	4/-2/mx	7/0/pc	12/2/sh
Dorset	12/5/pc	7/2/ra	6/1/sh	1/-6/mx	3/-2/mx	8/2/pc	12/2/sh
Haliburton	12/5/pc	8/2/ra	7/2/sh	3/-3/mx	4/-2/mx	9/2/pc	12/2/sh
Huntsville	12/4/pc	7/2/ra	6/1/sh	1/-6/mx	3/-2/mx	8/2/pc	11/2/sh
Kingston	14/7/pc	9/3/ra	7/3/sh	4/-2/mx	3/-2/mx	9/3/pc	12/2/sh
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Minden	12/5/pc	8/3/ra	7/1/sh	4/-4/mx	4/-2/mx	8/3/pc	12/2/sh
Oshawa	14/7/pc	10/4/ra	9/3/sh	3/-3/mx	3/-3/mx	7/2/pc	12/2/sh
Ottawa	13/5/cl	8/2/ra	6/1/mx	4/-3/mx	3/-4/mx	6/-2/pc	10/2/sh
Toronto	14/8/pc	9/3/ra	10/4/sh	3/-3/mx	5/-2/mx	8/1/pc	12/2/sh

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Calgary	9/-2/mx	9/-4/pc	15/-2/su	16/-1/pc	12/4/pc	12/1/pc	13/2/su
Edmonton	4/-3/cl	7/-1/cl	14/-1/pc	18/2/pc	9/-1/mx	12/-1/cl	10/0/su
Fredericton	9/-1/sh	9/2/sh	6/-2/mx	2/-2/mx	3/-2/mx	7/0/mx	9/2/cl
Halifax	8/2/cl	9/4/sh	6/1/mx	6/1/sh	4/-1/mx	5/0/mx	6/2/cl
Montreal	14/6/cl	5/2/ra	4/0/mx	2/-4/mx	3/-3/mx	5/-3/pc	9/2/sh
Regina	10/-2/sh	12/1/pc	13/-3/su	19/5/su	13/4/pc	16/4/pc	13/3/su
St. John's	4/2/cl	2/1/sh	3/-1/cl	6/2/sh	6/2/sh	7/2/sh	9/2/cl
Saskatoon	7/-3/cl	9/0/pc	14/1/su	21/6/su	10/2/pc	12/5/cl	12/2/su
Vancouver	11/5/sh	9/6/sh	19/7/pc	18/7/ra	13/3/mx	12/5/su	13/6/su
Whitehorse	-1/-12/sn	-5/-17/cl	-2/-10/sn	2/-6/sf	0/-6/sf	-2/-6/sf	3/-2/mx
Winnipeg	4/-5/cl	8/-3/su	8/-3/pc	13/-1/mx	13/6/su	14/2/pc	14/2/su

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Monday 4/7	8.3°C	2.2°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 4/6	14°C	-4°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 4/5	11°C	-4°C	0.0 mm
Friday 4/4	5°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 4/3	9°C	-11°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/2	3°C	-10°C	0.0 mm

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Fri.	6:36 a.m./7:55 p.m.	10:22 a.m./2:09 a.m.
Sat.	6:34 a.m./7:56 p.m.	11:36 a.m./2:58 a.m.
Sun.	6:32 a.m./7:58 p.m.	12:53 p.m./3:35 a.m.
Mon.	6:30 a.m./7:59 p.m.	2:07 p.m./4:04 a.m.
Tues.	6:29 a.m./8:00 p.m.	3:18 p.m./4:27 a.m.
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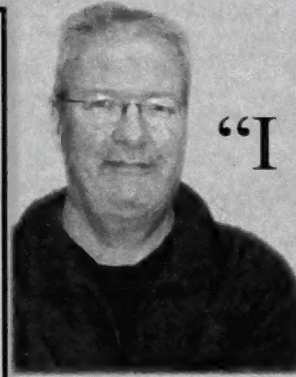
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

"I Have a Dream"

Remembering April 4th 1968



Last Friday, April 4th, marked the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee. The day before, Dr. King had delivered one of his most haunting and

powerful speeches, in support of striking Memphis garbage workers, a group of overwhelmingly black, poor, and angry men. The last paragraph of the speech is eerie and heart-wrenching, as he seemed almost to predict his own demise.

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Less than a day later he was dead, shot; the murderer was one of those King had described the day before, with compassion, as "one of our sick white brothers."

Sometimes it takes these anniversaries to remind us of what we've lost in our lives, or, if we're lucky, to reflect on some of the pivotal moments fate has afforded us. As a student, and later as a young journalist, I met and talked with Martin Luther King twice. In the fall of 1961, I was a Canadian teenager at school in London, England. Dr. King, on a quiet lecture tour of the U.K., spoke at Wigmore Hall, just a few blocks from our school. A few of us had heard of this charismatic American preacher who spoke in uncompromising terms about race and justice. We attended the lecture and were awe-struck at the power of his message and the beauty of his words. Afterwards we went backstage to see if he would consider speaking to one of our school groups – a political and literary society – and he invited us to join him for a few minutes. He couldn't fit our school-boy group into his schedule, but wanted to talk with us about the plight of blacks in the U.K.

To our innocent eyes, in the white-bread, pre-immigration world of early 1960s England, discrimination on a systemic scale was something that happened chiefly in (1) South Africa, and (2) the southern United States. Dr. King kindly, but forcefully, gave us a little lecture on how wide-spread racism really was in the U.K., and that discrimination knew no national or local boundaries, i.e. clean up your own house before you condemn others.

In the spring of 1967 I was working as a writer/editor for the CBC's Sunday night current affairs hour called ... wait for it ... SUNDAY. Our staff had managed to persuade Dr. King to fly up to Toronto to be interviewed, live, on the show. He had just finished leading a seminal march against the Vietnam War through New York City, allying his civil rights message inextricably with the anti-war movement. The world had changed dramatically in the six years since 1961, and Dr. King had become a Nobel Prize winner and arguably the most forceful influence for change in the world. In London in 1961, he'd seemed a genius with words, a visionary: in that spring in Toronto six years later, he was a presence of intimidating power and magnetism, a life force of astonishing power. Everyone who met him in the two or so hours he spent with us was spellbound. His message had a political urgency and a demand for action that was irresistible, particularly to those of us who were so young.

His death one short year later ended many dreams – and some would say an entire era of political action and optimism. For me it left, at the time, a profound sadness, and cynicism, about the world we live in and the political systems we support. As I look back, I realize that not many of us, and certainly not this writer, get to go to the mountain top, much less look over. But at least I had been allowed some brief, intense moments with one of the few who could. ■

Glamor Lake Cottagers say Thanks to Highlands East

Dear Editor:

Thought you might be interested to know we said "Thanks" to local Council.

I also wish to express my personal gratitude as well as my Association's for the very fair, balanced, and extremely extensive coverage given to this issue over the past few weeks.

Letter of the Week

We consider today's events as being very significant, but really just a start. From here on, we will be approaching

the provincial government, and mostly approaching MP's and MPP's both here in Haliburton and in every southern 'home riding' in which we know a Haliburton cottager resides. It is a big undertaking, but we are committed to seeing it through. We could do no less in our efforts to preserve and protect our beautiful Haliburton environment.

Thank you, again.

Roger Young

Vice-president, Little Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association

Here follows text of letter to Reeve Burton and Councillors Graham and Partridge:

"Dave, Donna, Suzanne:

The Little Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association, and I, personally, wish to thank you most sincerely for your efforts in presenting and passing the resolution this morning, asking the provincial government to impose a moratorium on uranium mining in this area and other Eastern Ontario municipalities. Your understanding of our concerns, not simply on behalf of ourselves, but for our community in general, is deeply appreciated. I thought your remarks summed up the issues extremely well.

I have today forwarded this news to my Association Board, who are immensely grateful. It has further been passed along to other cottagers who have been in touch with us over the recent weeks, as well as to all other lake associations in Haliburton and surrounding area for whom I have an email address. We have expressed our gratitude for your actions. We have encouraged them to seek similar support from their local and County Councils; some of these stretch down into Peterborough County. The leadership you have shown will be significant and meaningful.

I am sure I can extend a welcome to our annual picnic this summer, or at any other time you care to drop by. You will be warmly greeted. I can also assure you that you will not have to be pestered by voluminous emails and letters over the coming weeks from cottagers asking you to please do something about the 'nasty' uranium mine. You have acted!

Thank you again.

Roger Young

Vice-president, Little Glamor Lake Cottagers' Association" ■

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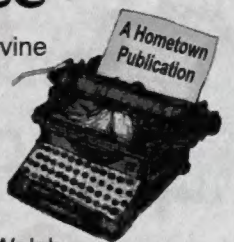
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Tough Decisions

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"It's unfortunate that taxpayers are paying to keep halls open that are not in use." Harrison

The Algonquin Highlands Council will be facing some tough and possibly unpopular decisions over the next couple of months. What to do about Club 35 and the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre? Council has asked staff to conduct an overall review and to make recommendations on what to do with these two facilities that have meant so much to so many for so long.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison says there are still a number of items that need to be dealt with as a result of amalgamation. According to Harrison, "It is costing the Municipality a lot of money to operate and maintain facilities that don't generate any revenue or see a lot of use." According to Harrison, the Municipality has a large facility in Dorset that is used quite a bit where others are not being utilized at all. She also said, "It's unfortunate that taxpayers are paying to keep halls open that are not in use." Harrison says rentals are down considerably at Club 35, the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre and at the Stanhope Fire Fighters Hall. She asked Council to consider directing their administration to prepare a report detailing costs for operation, usage and revenues. Harrison also commented that seniors' groups that use the facilities must be given due consideration.



The bottom line, according to Harrison, is that the Municipality is eight years into amalgamation and they have not saved money overall. She suggested that there are a number of things that could be done to improve usage and reduce costs,

particularly when there are alternate facilities available.

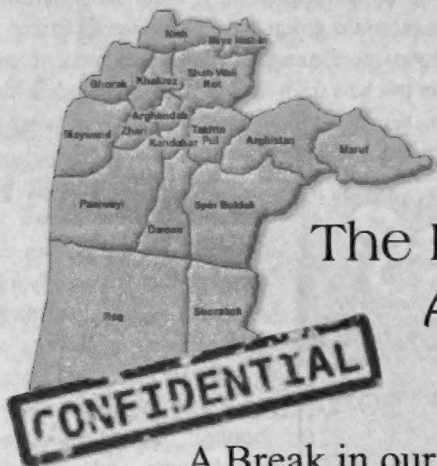
Councillor Don Shortreed said he'd like to keep everyone in the loop and wanted comments from the people who would be most affected by the closure of facilities. Shortreed also said that even if the facilities were not being used to Council's expectations, those affected should have some say, which would be included in the report, or an opportunity to speak after the report is prepared. Shortreed wants to ensure that residents know what is being considered.

Harrison commented that she was unsure how to promote more usage of facilities like Club 35. She acknowledged that people have a strong emotional attachment to some facilities, making the decision-making process much more difficult for Council. Harrison said she would prefer the reports being prepared, first and then, depending on the results, for Council to consider holding a public meeting. Harrison also said that "Unfortunately, our decision must be based on a report of facts, not emotion."

Councillor Carol Moffatt suggested that the primary users of the facilities could be asked to make some kind of submission that could be included in the report. Moffatt says "I'd like to have people engaged in the process." She added, however, that she didn't want the Council to be deluged with a massive letter-writing campaign. When Harrison suggested going back in the records to determine the primary users and ask for their comment, Moffatt agreed saying "this allows them the opportunity to pitch their case." Moffatt also commented that interested groups may have their own proposals to make to Council regarding the facilities.

Councillor Diane Griffin suggested that the report include information on how the Council came about getting the facilities. Griffin said that the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, previously an old school house, had belonged to a group of trustees at one time, and Council must ensure that there are no covenants regarding the use of the building or whether it would revert back to the trustees if it was no longer needed. Griffin voiced her reluctance to deal with this issue. She also said that the Oxtongue facility was very near and dear to the people in her Ward, but agreed that Council must be realistic about all of the facilities in Algonquin Highlands and whether they can be sustained.

Accepting the possibility that the report received may not recommend closure, Council was in agreement with the Reeve's recommendation that they wait for the staff report and recommendations and take things from there. Harrison reminded Council that, should there be a recommendation for closure it would be a sensitive matter to handle, and Council must be prepared to make a decision and support it. ■



The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

A Break in our Kandahar Series

We're taking a break this week from our exclusive series "The Road to Kandahar" by Captain David Beatty. Captain Beatty has spent the last 10 days or so on a "confirmation exercise" that was classified secret: we know no more about it than that, but understand that these troops are preparing for war, and that special rules obviously apply.

Over the last 10 weeks, Captain Beatty has given our readers a unique insight into what the modern Canadian Armed Forces do to prepare themselves for a war-time mission. We've followed him to the wilds of southern Texas (which conditions mimic effectively the deserts of Afghanistan) to the minutiae of what he has to pack for a deployment of who knows how many weeks or months. He's also shared some of the stress he and his family are under as his departure approaches.

Within a month Captain Beatty will be leaving for his deployment in Afghanistan and he's promised to keep us up to date in the weeks ahead on the progress of his final preparations, the trip overseas, and the actual mission in Kandahar. Stay tuned ■

Letters to the Editor Cont'd...

Docking Facilities for Canadian Tire?

Dear Editor:

Good paper and interesting reading material, well written. I read Liz Danielsens article in the Thursday, April 3, 2008 of County Voice and found it interesting that councilor Peter Oyler wanted Canadian Tire to address their plans for work between the township road and the Gull River. Is this new store (if we ever get it!!!!) going to have docking facilities for the watercraft, or what other reason would Canadian Tire have to do work between the road and the river? Just wondering, as there seems to be one hoop after another.

Thanks,
Dick Schell - Minden ■

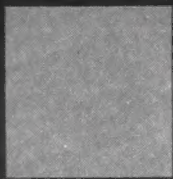
"Charlie Tyler is a Mystic"

Dear Editor,

I write to Thank You for an article you wrote on Charlie Tyler, in your March 13th edition of the County Voice.

Charlie Tyler is a mystic. He experiences a heightened perception of God, and receives direct, tangible communication from God - in Charlie's experience, Jesus. There are other mystics out there too! One's faith is a very personal subject for many folks to enter into, and takes real courage especially in a public forum. To know and experience the touching of God's Love is our common calling in this life. Thank you for sharing, Charlie, and thank you Mr. Patrick for giving this Mystic Charlie a voice in the county.

Blessings the Rev Riscylla Shaw
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To take a closer look at what Cass Marie & the BlackFeather Band are up to, visit their MySpace page at www.myspace.com/cassmarieandtheblackfeatherband

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Guitar player Demuth was the last member to join. Marie recalled the time when the group began to groom their newcomer for the road ahead.

"We gave him all our songs a month before the concert and said, 'Learn these quick!'"

In addition to being the lead singer, Marie has taken a big part of the creative process into her own hands.

"The lyrics are written by me, and so are most of the melodies," said Marie whose music comes straight from the heart. "It's all personal stuff that has happened to me and I've

lived through."

With the group to back her up, Marie says that things couldn't be better.

"The band adds a richness to the music," she said. "They rock!"

According to the groups' MySpace page, Marie's lyrics "explore issues of dependence, independence, self-actualization, body image, the trials of love and the search for happiness."

In past performances, the group has opened up for Canadian folk legend the late Willie P. Bennett, P.E.I. artist Rose Cousins and Eve Goldberg.

Since they teamed up, those in the community have really started to take notice of their solid musical abilities.

"All we had to do was mention that we had new stuff out to one or two people and then the word immediately spread," said Houghton.

Many of those in the crowd at the Kinmount Community Centre had either heard of the group before or had seen one of their previous live

They've been together for only one short year. But in that time, they've managed to capture a loyal fan base via meaningful lyrics backed by their rather non-traditional "feather-folk sounds".

Cass Marie & the BlackFeather Band is a quartet of artists who all have deep connections to Haliburton County, especially in the Kinmount area. The group describes their music as having a "relaxed, comfortable folk sound." Their songs echo the sounds of rock n' roll, jazz, country, soft pop and even have hints of gospel flavour.

On Saturday, April 5, the group hosted a CD release party at the Kinmount Community Centre for their latest album "Love's Uncertain!" Along with them, to open up the show, was husband and wife musical duo Laurel McCauley and Guy Pritchard.

This newest release by Cass Marie & the Blackfeather Band features 12 original tracks; six of which are new while the rest are from Cass Marie's solo acoustic album "Road Thru Denial" — except now, the band accompanies her on these original solo works.



"We all met at open stages," said Marie of how the group came to be a year ago. "I met Ian first and then Bethany," she said.

"Then Cass and I went looking for a guitar player," said violin and cello player Bethany Houghton. Ian Pay plays the bass, Ernie Demuth is on guitar, Houghton masters the cello/violin and performs back-up vocals, and Marie heads the group as lead vocalist and occasional guitar player.



Ian Pay on bass, Cass Marie lead on vocals, Bethany Houghton on cello/violin and Ernie Demuth on guitar.

performances. Most were giving them rave reviews.

"This is a hoot for me," said Donna Gagnon Pugh of Haliburton. "I used to work with Cass at Stedman's. I'm very impressed with how far she's come. It's a great treat to see talent like this."

"She (Cass) reminds of a country western singer," said Doug Pugh. "They're just amazingly talented."

"They're fantastic," said Ria Groot of Kinmount. "I find they really complement each other well. Each person has their own talent," said Groot.

"They're very good, very interesting," said Janet Wilson of Kinmount who heard of the group through an internet cafe.

During the groups performance, Marie gave recognition to some of her former teachers from Archie Stouffer including Voice photographer Lyn Winans. Inside her latest album are several other thank-yous to other close supporters.

When they aren't busy performing live shows and recording in the studio, each member does have a day job.

"Beth is a music teacher, Ernie works in forestry and I sell shoes," said Marie, while pointing out her fancy footwear. "Ian works in sound and lighting and producing. This is what he does." ■

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A Sign of the Times

Liz Danielson

Staff Reporter

A sign of the times and that's really saying something. County Council's Roads Committee was unanimous this week in their concern about the number of signs throughout the County. And, after a fair bit of discussion, they've decided to take action.

During the Road's Committee meeting yesterday, the County's Engineering Services Manager Ray Haig mentioned the proliferation of real estate signs along County roads, saying "this does no service to other businesses." Haig suggested that it might be appropriate to limit signage in the road allowances to general real estate company signs and require all of the individual agents' signs to be placed back on private property.

Several members of the Committee voiced their frustration with MTO about what appears to be inconsistencies in their policies. Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon spoke of the difficulties his Municipality had in getting MTO to approve a "Welcome to Minden Hills" sign. Their request wasn't approved, but shortly after McMahon says approval was given to a private company to place a sign in the same location. McMahon also mentioned that Minden Hills could not get approval to put up a sign at their Rotary Park.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison also said that her Municipality had difficulties with MTO over signage. She agreed that they were inconsistent in their approval process. According to Harrison the issue

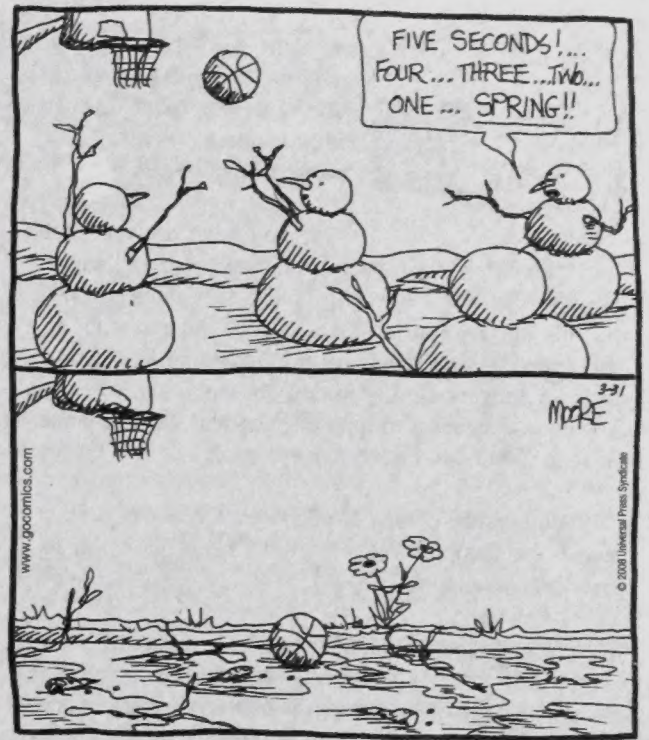
has reached "sign pollution" proportions. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that "people come to the County for its natural beauty, not to look at signs" and agreed that the County should take action.

Director of Public Works Doug Ray advised the Committee that Brian Mulholland, the County's Engineering Assistant to Operations and Approvals is holding ongoing discussions with MTO regarding corridor signs. Ray said that Mulholland will be gathering data and preparing a report giving suggestions for amendments to the County Sign By-Law.

Discussions continued amongst the Committee members on how restrictive the County should be with respect to signage with comments being made on the types of signs and whether additional setback requirements would be effective in reducing the overall impact of so many signs. The Committee also talked about grandfathering options which need to be considered given the cost of preparing and installing signs.

Haig commented that he had several requests for real estate signs pending and asked if approvals should be withheld for now. While the committee members did agree that a moratorium on new signs would be beneficial they also voiced concern that the County could not be selective or preferential in any way.

The Committee's recommendation will be taken to the County Council at their next meeting. At any rate, it looks like at some time in the near future, the sign of the times will be changing across the County.



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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On April 10, 1963, the USS Thresher, an atomic submarine, sinks in the Atlantic Ocean, killing its entire crew. One hundred and twenty-nine sailors and civilians were lost when the sub unexpectedly plunged to the sea floor 300 miles off the coast of New England.

On April 11, 1917, composer Scott Joplin, the "King of Ragtime," dies in New York City. His "Maple Leaf Rag" of 1899 launched a national craze for ragtime music, and he composed many other popular ragtime songs, including "The Entertainer."

On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and his band, the Comets, record "Rock Around the Clock." Two years later the song became a hit when it was used as a theme for the movie "Blackboard Jungle," becoming the first rock 'n' roll song to reach No. 1.

On April 13, 1970, disaster strikes 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blows up on Apollo 13, the third manned lunar landing mission. Mission commander Lovell reported to mission control on Earth: "Houston, we've had a problem here."

On April 14, 1912, just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic hits an iceberg, rupturing five watertight compartments along her starboard side. Hours later the massive vessel sank, and more than 1,500 people died in the icy North Atlantic waters.

On April 15, 1927, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford and Norma and Constance Talmadge become the first celebrities to leave their footprints in cement at Grauman's Chinese Theater. The future Hollywood landmark was still under construction at the time.

On April 16, 1947, a massive explosion occurs during the loading of fertilizer onto the freighter Grandcamp at a pier in Texas City, Texas, killing 600 people. The blast was heard 150 miles away and was so powerful that the ship's 3,000-pound anchor was found 2 miles away.

On April 17, 1937, Daffy Duck makes his debut in the Warner Bros. short "Porky's Duck Hunt." In the 1920s, movie houses had started showing a short cartoon before feature presentations, but the form became more popular after sound was introduced in 1928.

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What's on sale in April: Spring clothing, bridal gowns and cruises, plus home-improvement items, like paint and wallpaper.

by Jo Ann Derson

If you have drawers that stick when you try to pull them out, or maybe drawers that don't like to go back in without a fight, try this tip: Take an ordinary candle and run it along the drawer's rails. This will provide some lubrication to keep drawers gliding in and out smoothly, without having to use messy, drippy oil. You also can use a bar of soap if you don't have a spare candle.

Recipe substitutions: If you need 1 cup of cocktail sauce, use 1 cup of ketchup plus 2 tablespoons (or to taste) of horseradish.

Here's another jar-opening tip, from reader M.B. in Saskatchewan: "My novel way to open jars, etc., is to use a mechanic's "water pump pliers." It works very well, and also gets strange looks when I pull the pliers out of my back pocket, especially in the Lions Bar."

"This year we started keeping a garden log, which we never did before. We used a three-ring binder and have collected information about how to care for each type of plant in the yard, a picture of that plant and a note of its location. We organize the pages by type and have used our computer to make a list of what garden- and yard-related tasks to do and when. It will make next year's spring go much more smoothly, and make a nice pass-along when we eventually sell this home." -- I.D. in Oregon

If you have mineral deposits or hard-water stains in your toilet, try dropping two Alka-Seltzer tablets in a flushed toilet and letting them bubble and sit overnight. In the morning, scrub with a toilet brush and flush until clear. ■

Lake Planning Project Gains Momentum

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Some welcome reactions are being heard as the Lake Planning Project continues to be pitched throughout the County. This collaborative project designed to support water stewardship efforts and establish some simple planning tools to assist Lake Associations is starting to gain momentum.

The project's spokespersons, Nicole Tuyten, Stewardship Coordinator of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) and Samantha Brown, Lake Planning Coordinator for the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association (FOCA), presented their program outline to the Algonquin Highlands Council last Thursday. Tuyten said the success of the project depends to some extent on setting up a Pilot Group to help test the planning tools that they will be developing. To that end, she said that they would like to have a representative from at least one of the municipalities. She advised Council they hoped to see a good cross section of people with varying levels of planning experience representing all regions of the County on the Pilot group including members of Council.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison reported that Algonquin Highlands had been very involved with developing at least four different lake plans. She said each of the plans had been well thought through and the Municipality had tried to be very supportive during the process. She also said that Council will usually take Lake Plans into consideration whenever possible when dealing with decisions at the municipal level.

Harrison also suggested that having politicians appointed as part of the pilot group might not be the best way to go. She said "It would likely be more beneficial to have the County's planner or one of the municipal planners involved, as they are the ones with the expertise who can flag problems along the way."

Harrison also let the Coordinators know that Algonquin Highlands had provided some financial assistance to the Lake Associations, particularly given the extent of volunteer help

that has been involved in developing the lake plans. The Reeve also commented that while the Council encouraged the development of lake plans, they also asked that the associations have regard for the Municipality's official plan and zoning by-law as well as the County Plan, a sentiment shared by Reeve Murray Fearrey during the Lake Planning presentation in Dysart.

Tuyten said that their project would see the development of a three phase tool. First and foremost the goal is to help

**"commonalities
would certainly
help."**

establish communication tools, to assist the lake associations in engaging the entire community and ensure maximum involvement in the planning process. The second phase is what Tuyten and Brown called the "meat and potatoes" of the actual lake plan. This would include the resources to be used in developing the plan, like sample plans, available surveys, fund-raising methodology and layout guidelines. The final phase of the plan would include resources and tips on how to implement the plan, including fishing evaluations and water quality testing to name a few. The project, which got underway in December, is expected to be complete by the summer of 2009.

Harrison said that the project should be very beneficial to municipalities as there should be more similarities seen in the lake plans. According to Harrison there are 22 associations in Algonquin Highlands that could develop plans, and she stressed that "commonalities would certainly help."

Responding to a question by Councillor Carol Moffatt, Tuyten said that it is their goal to establish a planning tool that can be a transferable resource across Ontario as a foundation for planning. Tuyten also reported that the results of the project would be available at no charge to any of the lake associations, but there will be a fee for others who want to use it. She added, that in order to make the planning tool accessible to everyone, the fee would be nominal.

FOCA's Samantha Brown and Terry Reese made similar presentations to Dysart et al and Highlands East this week. After outlining project details, Brown reiterated their desire to create a forum that will engage communities in helping to design a tool kit that is not only user-friendly but also cost-effective and understandable to all parties involved. According to Brown, they will have the help of Randy French, a Planning Consultant, who will be working with them throughout duration of the project.

As far as the pilot group is concerned, Brown and Tuyten are already having some success. Planner Pat Martin from Dysart will be participating in their stakeholders meeting and speaking on community and land use planning issues. It is hoped that Martin will become a member of the pilot group for the duration of the project. During Brown's presentation to the Highlands East Council, Councillor Suzanne Partridge agreed to participate as a member of the pilot group as well, which was welcome news to the organizers.

Terry Reese spoke of the variety of expectations "coming from 360 degrees" that are expressed by the lake associations. He said it was his hope to see the associations become stronger throughout the process and better able to communicate with municipalities. According to Reese there are over 80 lake associations in Haliburton County.

Each of the Councils have been invited to attend the upcoming stakeholders meeting, scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. ■

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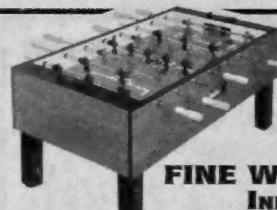
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Continuing Environmental Assessment in Algonquin Highlands

Since learning that they could not successfully partner with Minden Hills on a treatment plant for septage, the Algonquin Highlands Council has been in a bit of quandary. After meeting with representatives of the Municipality's consulting firm, Cambium Environmental, CAO Lorne Mitchell, Manager of Operations Brian Whetstone and Reeve Eleanor Harrison had a plan for Council to consider at their meeting on Thursday.

Harrison advised Council that the Ministry of Environment will allow the Municipality to continue with field applications for at least three more years, despite earlier decisions that indicated the practice would be stopped by 2007. She voiced her frustration with the Ministry and their failure to establish clear guidelines for municipalities. Harrison said "It makes long term planning extremely difficult under these circumstances."

Harrison proposed that Council consider the possibility of adding a second lagoon alongside the McClintock Lagoon. Discussions with Cambium indicate that investigating this possibility can be done within the terms of the Municipality's existing Environmental Assessment. The Municipality has purchased the necessary property to develop a second lagoon and according to initial estimates, this option could prove to be much less cost prohibitive than a mechanical treatment plant.

Harrison assured Council that while the possibility had been discussed with their consultant, no direction had been given to them to pursue the matter until Council had an opportunity to mull over what their next steps should be. She also said that with Council's approval Cambium could look at existing plans and municipal documentation, check out the site and provide Council with some recommendations and estimates.

Councillor Don Shortreed said that the previous lagoon operator had considered a twin lagoon. Councillor Griffin commented that this option had not gone to the formal application process at the time, as there had been opposition to constructing another lagoon. Griffin acknowledged that they were facing different circumstances now.

In response to questions about additional costs, Harrison said, "naturally there will be a charge for looking at a new site." Harrison added, however, that the option would be far less expensive than an enclosed system at either the Maple Lake or PineSprings sites. The Reeve said that at this time she was not willing to consider a mechanical plant given a cost that would exceed a million dollars. Harrison commented that the Municipality may never get permission to build a mechanical plant, but added that the option of a second lagoon at the McClintock would give the Council some breathing room.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said he had a problem with expanding the McClintock site. Gardner voiced his concern that a move

in this direction would cost them considerably, not only for the review under the EA process, but for construction as well and the Municipality could still be up against the same problem depending on guidelines established by the Ministry of Environment. Gardner said that field application was still a cheaper option and that he would prefer to write to the Minister to try to determine more accurate time lines. Gardner said "It's hard when the rules change while the meter is running." And this seems to say it all when it comes to the Council's frustration with the process overall.

Reeve Harrison commented that she had no faith in getting any concrete response from the Ministry. She reminded Council that they have a responsibility to their residents in the winter, and a second lagoon would be the least costly option. CAO Mitchell also advised Council that if the EA process is dropped at this time, they will have to start over again at step one should they wish to continue with an environmental assessment in the future. He also said that if the lagoon is listed as an alternate site the Council would not slip back in the EA process. Mitchell suggested that Council could simply complete the investigation and design stages and hold the option as an alternate should the Municipality be required to make changes in the future.

Quite a bit of discussion ensued, and Councillor Shortreed commented that they should show due diligence by continuing to find the most suitable and least costly solution. Shortreed said the road to the lagoon is good and he feels it is in the best interest of everyone to continue hauling there and pursuing the possibility of a second lagoon. Shortreed also commented that it would be unfair to the next Council to let the EA process drop. Despite continuing concerns by Gardner, Council finally reached a consensus to have their consultant take an in-depth look at the possibility of a second lagoon. ■



Police Reports

Break-Ins In Haliburton

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating numerous reports of break and enters and thefts that occurred last week within Haliburton Village.

Officers have received over a dozen complaints from the public in regard to vehicles being entered. In some instances the suspects entered garages and ransacked vehicles inside. The incidents occurred during the night in the areas of Harmony Rd and the Haliburton by the lake subdivision.

Minor thefts of cash and personal property occurred at some of the locations.

Members of the public are encouraged to call the police at 1-888-310-1122 should they see something suspicious in the area. The police would also like to remind the public of the need to lock vehicles and take valuables with them or lock them in the trunk. The public is also reminded that doors should also be locked as in this instance the suspect(s) entered into unlocked garages allowing them to gain entry into parked vehicles. ■

Impaired Driver

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after investigating a driving complaint late Saturday afternoon on Highway #35 in Minden Hills Township.

Officers located the vehicle in question (a green Dodge Caravan) on Highway #35 near Moore Falls. The vehicle was stopped and officers had a conversation with the driver. The driver was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Ivan Obrovac 44 years of Hamilton is charged with Impaired Driving, Driving with Over 80mgs and two Provincial Offences Act Violations.

Mr. Obrovac will be appearing in Minden court on May 7, 2008 in relation to the charges. ■

Young Persons Charged

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged three youths after responding to a call of an unresponsive youth laying on the ground at Skyline Park in Haliburton Village.

Emergency Medical Services personnel also responded to the call and transported the male to the Haliburton Hospital where he was treated and released.

As a result of further investigation the 17 year old young person has been charged with two counts of Failing to Comply with an Undertaking and one count of Failing to Comply with a disposition under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

The police have also charged two other 17 year old male youths as a result of the investigation. One has been charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking in a Schedule 1 drug. The other youth was charged for an offence under the Liquor Licence Act. ■

Male Arrested

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have arrested a male party in relation to several break and enters and thefts that were reported last Friday in the Village of Haliburton.

Officers arrested Michael Bond Maguire 22 years of Dysart Et Al late Friday April 4th 2008 in the Village of Haliburton. Mr. Maguire has been charged with three counts of Break and Enter, three counts of Theft Under \$5000 and one count of Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Mr. Maguire was remanded in custody and will be appearing in Lindsay court on April 18, 2008. The investigation is ongoing.

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We asked business owners about how recent crimes in Minden and Haliburton have had an impact on them. Also, how do they feel about the situation?



Cleve Roberts, Operations Manager Emmerson Lumber, Haliburton – "We've had problems. Employees have had their cars vandalized during the day. Over the years we've had a number of break-ins. It always seems to be a group of people. They'll catch them eventually, then another group will start it up again. We hear a lot about cottage break-ins." ■



Ray Langdon, Owner Home Hardware, Haliburton. – "It affects your sense of security. It keeps you nervous. You don't expect it to happen in a small community. People move up here to get away from crime. We lose about \$36,000 a year in shoplifting. That's about the norm." ■



John Thomas, Owner Stedman's, Minden – "After Sunny's was robbed, people are more aware. We've been here for 14 years and the most common problem we've had has been theft. The big problem emerging in Minden is graffiti; it keeps escalating." ■



Luke Schell, Owner Photo Solutions, Haliburton – "I haven't had any problems. I was broken into once in 13 years. I think it's a product of one or two people. Those people decide that it's something they are willing to do." ■



Craig Faulkner, Owner Village Chalet, Minden – "I've been broken into over the years so I put a security system up in the building. These crimes will make people afraid to go out. It also makes for a lot of conversation, bad conversation that is." ■

Goodbye Fence, Hello Summer

And Don't Mess with our Lakes!



The orange fencing, straw bales, and assorted bits of plastic and other debris should be gone from Haliburton's Head Lake within the next few days. The mess is left over from February's Highland Cup snowmobile races – organizer Harold Foyster blamed a sudden thaw and rain after the event that froze the fencing into the ice. If he'd removed it early, he would have destroyed the fencing, which he needs for next year's event.

If the Highland Cup goes next year it will face a much stricter set of guidelines from Dysart Council. Councillor Derek Knowles told Council this week that he couldn't believe the mess was still there over six weeks after the event, and Reeve Murray Fearrey said next year will be different, suggesting a 48 hour deadline for the clean-up.

The fencing has provoked strong reaction in town over the last month. On Monday a friend of Foysters was out on the ice helping to clean up and told the Voice that "I couldn't believe the abuse I was getting from people in cars and on the boardwalk, yelling at me to 'clean up the mess – now!'"

"Harold did me a big favour in the summer, rescued me in fact, when the motor went out my fishing boat, so I thought I'd try to help him out. It really wasn't his fault that the fencing was frozen into the lake so fast."

Any damage to Head Lake would actually be dealt with by the Ministry of Natural Resources: had they determined that the detritus from the Highland Cup event were to threaten the Lake in any way, they could have taken action. But at this point they're confident that Foyster's cleanup will satisfy any of their concerns.

But the message is clear from residents and government both: mess with our lakes at your peril. ■



"Better cut it into four slices, I don't think I can eat six."

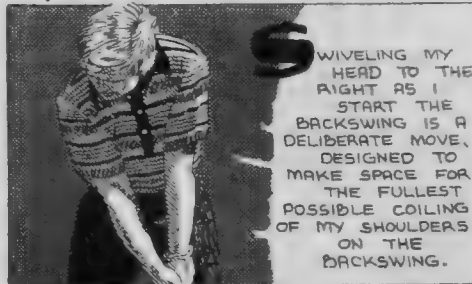
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Archie Stouffer in Province-Wide Bonspiel

Our local teams represented the Highlands well in the Timbits Provincial Elementary School Curling Championships this past week. The bonspiel, which was hosted by the Gananoque Curling Club included 80 squads.

The two Minden teams (aptly named Archie Stouffer 1 and Archie Stouffer 2) were comprised of grade 6, 7 and 8 students. While Team 1 split six games, Team 2 curled their way to the final of the B division, missing the championship by only one point.

The teams were sponsored in part by the Archie Stouffer Parent Council and the Minden Curling Club who also donated 54 pins for the participants to swap with team members from around the province. Coaching duties were shared among Scotty and Jane Boyd and Zelda Cooper. ■

Upper Right - Team 2 - (Back) Willy Schwabb (Front) Katlyn Doiron, Dakotah Francis, Tianna Cooper

Lower Right - Team 1 (L to R) Laura Pottier, Hilary Vassos, Emily Shapiera, Holly Broderick

Below - The two teams together.



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It was a "Family Fun Night" for kids and parents when they came down to the Cardiff Community Centre on Tuesday, April 8.

Numerous games and activities were organized for families to participate in, including face painting, crafts and a free dinner. Prizes were given through raffles during the evening.

Also at the event were exhibits that illustrated several of the resources and services available for children and their families in the County.

"I'm really happy with how it turned out," said Cardiff Community Associate Heather Kauffeldt. ■



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Stunning Performance by The Gryphon Trio

Borys, Patipatanakoon and Parker Fuse Old with New

Review By Terrance Gavan

In the lobby of the Northern Lights Pavilion, after a stunning and flawless performance, the three affable members of the Gryphon Trio, cellist Roman Borys, violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon and pianist Jamie Parker, mixed, mingled and cajoled with a practiced, polished and polite aplomb.

Proving, in the nonce, that they are as comfortable on the post-concert rostrum as they are on stage.

And why not.

They've been performing together for a long, long time.

This is, after all, a chamber trio that has garnered worldwide recognition and acclaim by dint of their seamless stage offerings.

Their latest stop, here in Haliburton last Saturday evening, proved that chamber music lives, even on the broad snow-covered pastiche of the Canadian Shield. The Gryphon Trio literally packed the house last Saturday evening at the Northern Lights Pavilion, delighting patrons of the 2008 Haliburton Concert Series with a superb and eclectic performance.

The three travel almost constantly, setting a frenetic schedule that is matched only by their flawless and energetic interaction on stage. Touring internationally since 1993, the Juno Award-winning trio has performed in Mexico, Germany, France, Belgium, Russia, Poland, Greece and Egypt. They also perform extensively in both Canada and the United States in such renowned venues as the Lincoln Center, the Corcoran Gallery and at the Banff Summer Arts Festival.

This weekend, April 12, they will be performing with the Toronto Symphony at Roy Thompson Hall. On April 24 they will be performing in Amsterdam as part of another European concert series.

The Gryphon Trio is the Ensemble in Residence at Music Toronto and all three members of the ensemble teach at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music where Parker is the Rupert E. Edwards Chair in Piano Performance.

Borys says that they do from 50 to 60 appearances per year, infusing that frantic schedule with some ex-machina and spontaneous appearances at Toronto's fabled Lula Lounge. There, as the Lula publicist puts it: "The Gryphon Trio joins forces with North America's finest Latin and Brazilian Jazz musicians to explore the intersection of classical repertoire and the musical canons of Brazil and Cuba."

No, Virginia, this is not your traditional Chamber Trio.

They genuinely love this life. The group's plan from the outset was to be versatile, to explore both new and established inventory, and to take chamber music to the masses. The trio is probably the first of its kind to have toured the Canadian prairies in a van in the middle of winter.

Perhaps one of the most appealing qualities of this group is their capacity to infuse an auditorium with vim, vigor, vitality and verve; put quite simply, they bring an intensity to their music that stirs the soul.

The Gryphon Trio is unpretentious and comfortable on stage. They put their audience at ease and that stands as a hallmark of their success.

"It's clear that the people who came to see us tonight were very appreciative of the music, and that's the same all over the world," said Borys. "It's great to be able to come and play in communities across Ontario, in addition to our other tour events."

Borys confessed that he does have a special affiliation with the Highlands.

"I have an aunt and uncle that own a cottage up on (Lake) Kushog, so I am very familiar with this area," said Borys, after the concert. "We love coming to small venues like this and performing before an appreciative audience like the one here tonight."

An

enthusiastic Highlands audience gave the Gryphon Trio a richly deserved standing ovation just seconds after the last bars of Antonin Dvorak's Piano Trio in E minor, Op. 90, "Dumky" had drifted melodically and oh-so-meticulously into the rafters above the Northern Lights Pavilion stage.

Indeed, Dvorak's Dumky provides an impeccable vehicle for this talented trio.

Borys introduced the Dumky to the Highlands' audience explaining that Dvorak, reflecting the times, used a fusion of alternating moods in Dumky. Each selection in the six-piece Piano

Trio begins with somber introspection, rising to light-hearted cheerfulness and then finally to a crescendo and a flourish that literally leaves an audience smiling. Spontaneous riffs of laughter could be heard at the end of each piece in the Dumky. That testament to their playing and Dvorak's plan. Sombreness, dispelled by triumphant furor, climaxing with an unexpected collision.

Dvorak, played properly, delivers us from evil. Or, in the case of this audience, from the deep, dark and drooping chasm of a 2007-08 Maple Leafs' season.

The object for any chamber trio is to create conversation. Ordinary trios banter. But, the Gryphon Trio is no ordinary ensemble. Their playing is ebullient and ecstatic. Their conversation is interspersed with winks, nods and double entendres. In short, they mesh; like a Broadway production on a decade's run.

Together they infuse an impeccable

discourse between strings and keys.

Borys and Patipatanakoon, who are married, shift flawlessly between polished bowings and engaging, straight lines, while Parker is a bright and breezy pianist whose fingers seem to float melliflously across the keys.

They began the evening with the Piano Trio Number 6 in E flat, Op. 70, No. 2 by Ludwig von Beethoven. The four pieces in the selection gave the audience a true indication of what this group was really all about.

The three move with the even grace of Canada Geese nestling softly onto a mirrored lake. They



play with a seemingly effortless intuition.

Borys and Patipatanakoon blended seamlessly when called upon and Parker delivered the goods in all facets of the Beethoven selections.

And from circa 1808, the group then moved all the way to 1998 and a very moving piece by composer Christos Hatzis called Old Photographs, a multimedia work commissioned by the Gryphon trio in the late 1990's and premiered by the Trio at the Banff Summer Arts Festival in 2004.

The Gryphon Trio commissioned Hatzis to write a piece in 1998. As Borys introduced Old Photographs, he explained that the actual work is "an event" filled with singing, dance, electro-acoustic sounds, movement, lighting and film projection. "We actually commissioned Christos to compose a work and were expecting about 15 minutes," said Borys. What they got was an impressive and explosive 85-minute multi-dimensional extravaganza.

The selection dovetailed emphatically with an event occurring halfway across the country in Calgary.

"Constantinople is actually up for a Juno and we should know - fingers' crossed - how it did a little later tonight," Borys told the audience. We now know that Constantinople, recorded under the Analekta Label, won the Juno Award for "Classical Composition of the Year" in the non-televised segment of the Juno Awards held on Saturday evening.

The finished work, which involves the Gryphon Trio in complex interaction with the electro-acoustic components, is in eight movements. Three of them are for the trio alone, and as one press outlet describes: "variously conjure ideas of old Istanbul, dictatorship and the nostalgia of photography. The others feature one or two singers, with texts taken from the Christina liturgy and Byzantine and Egyptian poetry. It is a work both motoric and hypnotic."

On Saturday evening the Gryphon Trio proved that they needed no grand illumination or technoswagger to interpret Hatzis' musical voice. Old Photographs, said Borys, is a selection which translates quite nicely from glitzy production venues to the chamber stage.

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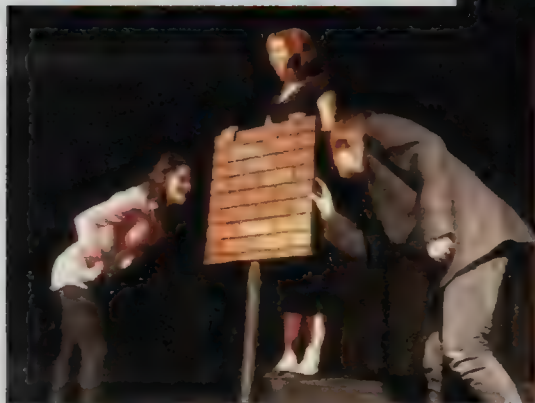
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Taking On Love

Hal High Students Put Their Spin on Greek Mythology

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Distinguished by its "clever dialogue, witty banter and pop culture references," Love and Other Myths is the theatrical performance created by teacher Darrell Dobson and his ensemble of high school students. The group put on their play at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Wednesday, April 2.

Presented by the Redhawk Theatre Company and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), the piece centers around the concept of love and how teenagers perceive the subject through their eyes.

"It's a play of four teenagers who tell each other stories from Greek mythology," said Director Dobson. And these storylines, from ancient times mixed in with some pop culture references included characters: Demeter and Persephone, Cupid and Psyche and Pyramus and Thisbe.

Once the characters go through the ups-and-downs in their relationships, they end up having a better understanding of one another as well as the true meaning of the word "love".

The students from Hal High spent eight weeks in rehearsing for their big performance, and judging from audience reactions, their efforts were greatly appreciated.

"I found it very entertaining. I liked their use of the teenage language," said mom Kim Barrett.

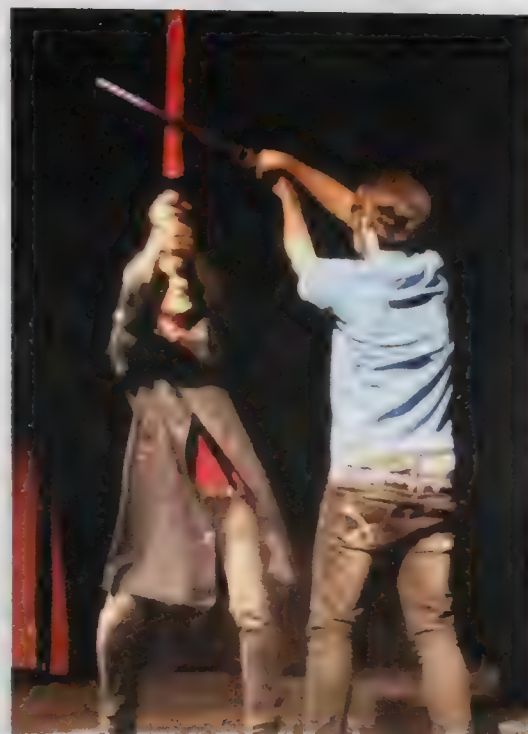
The play did come with a warning due to some of the coarse language and mature content it contained. Pat Campbell, a grandmother of one of the actresses, felt that the play would have been just as good without the PG-13 language.

"I don't think that mature content is necessary," said Campbell. "Not having it in the play wouldn't have changed anything. It was an excellent show."

The idea for the play originated back in the spring of 2007, as a project of the Grade 12 drama class. Since then, the play has incurred some changes and most of the cast members are different than those of the original crew.

Many of the cast members played in multiple roles. The cast, in order of appearance, includes: Kevin Mintz, Charley Nelson, Natasha Martin, Kristen Campbell, Kaily Schell, Madison Bailey, Laura Kirkpatrick, Holly Quibell, Emily Stonehouse and Carolyn Barnes.

This past Saturday the group went to the Sears Drama Festival in North Bay to compete against other high schools. ■



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Patipatanakoon, Parker and Borys delved into the moving piece with an interpretation that was stirring, ethereal and evocative.

The Juno Awards description of Constantinople lauds the work as a stepping-stone in the evolution of traditional chamber music.

"The pure accessibility of Hatzis' work hides a remarkably complex arsenal of techniques that draw upon the full diversity of musical approaches that exist in the world today. His music is inspired by early Christian spirituality, his own Byzantine music heritage, and various non-classical music genres such as jazz, pop and

world music."

It's interesting to note that the trio's namesake, the Gryphon, is a mythical creature, half lion and half eagle. Because of their fabled capacity to weave nests of gold, Gryphons became known as guardians of treasure.

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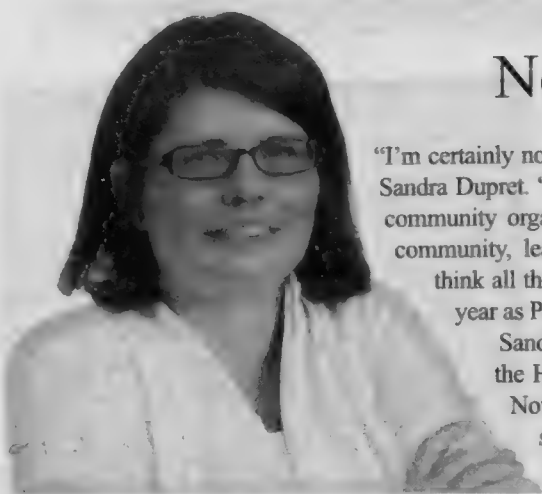
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Sandra Dupret... New Principal Settles in at Fleming

Stephen Patrick
Editor



"I'm certainly not going to be a bull in a china shop," says Sandra Dupret. "I think a year of observing, working with community organizations, listening to feedback from the community, learning about other local institutions; — I think all these things are appropriate to do in my first year as Principal."

Sandra Dupret assumed the role of Principal of the Haliburton Campus of Fleming College on November 5th of last year, becoming only the second Principal in the Campus's history, and following in the formidable footsteps of Barb Bolin. "There are awfully large shoes to fill, that's for sure," says Dupret

with a grin. "Barb has been as helpful and supportive to me as it's possible to be, thank goodness. Her generosity, not to mention her energy, is amazing."

Dupret is new to Haliburton, but not to the disciplines needed to run the campus, and the summer School of the Arts. She was brought up in Sudbury and Windsor, and holds a Master of Fine Arts (in sculpture and lithography) from the University of Windsor. After graduation she joined Wayne State University in Detroit, with its 22,000 students, rising to be director and curator of exhibitions for the University. She ran two galleries, organizing original shows with major contemporary artists from all across America. "Wayne State is a strongly community based institution and my job taught me a lot about creating partnerships with community organizations, on many levels. Our reach was international, but our connections were local."

Then, in 2006, Ms. Dupret became Chair of the School of Media, Art and Design at St. Clair College in Windsor and found that the shift from being a hands-on Director/Curator to a full-time administrator was a serious one. Not that her Wayne State job wasn't administratively intense: but still "there is definitely a different language in administration — the work with teachers, the committees, the bureaucratic preparation are all really important components of the job." Ms. Dupret is also well aware that any institution where the teachers are often artists, and the students are passionately committed to their subjects will never be free from controversy, to say the least.

Principal Dupret's long range goals are to proceed with what she describes as 'articulations' with universities and other degree-granting institutions like the Ontario College for Art and Design in Toronto, the University of Windsor, and Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in British Columbia. "We want to set up a program whereby graduates of our two-year diploma courses can start right in at a Third Year level in these other institutions." Ms. Dupret is also determined to maintain the Campus's high profile in our own community. "Already it seems to me that the lack of a residence constitutes a real challenge to many prospective students. With little available student housing and no public transportation to speak of, young kids just out of high school really have to learn how to

fend for themselves in a big hurry."

The Haliburton Campus has from between 40 and 80 students during the winter months studying for diplomas and certificates in disciplines as diverse as ceramics, fibre arts, blacksmithing, photo arts and sculpture. And in the summer another 3600 students attend the School for The Arts. Principal Dupret is well aware of how multi-layered and influential the Haliburton arts community is, and she's determined to maintain the College's high profile within that community. And she's also aware of the continuing challenge of funding, and of how you can attract more and more young people to Haliburton. On a personal level she's delighted to have the chance to become a part of the wider Haliburton community, with her husband Peter and their two children, Noelle (7) and Holden (4), both of whom attend Stuart Baker, in the French Immersion program. "My parents speak French, — unfortunately my generation missed out, and I'm unilingual, but it's great that our children will have that opportunity." ■



They Came and They Saw

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Haliburton School of the Arts Holds Annual Open House

Prospective students, family and those interested in diploma and certificate programs flocked to Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts Open House on Saturday, April 6.

According to campus Principal Sandra Dupret, 150 people came to the event that ran from 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. The open house gave visitors the chance to see, first-hand, just what the picturesque Haliburton campus has to offer.

The highly interactive open house also featured exhibits from various arts-orientated businesses and organizations in the County.

Some of the ongoing works that were open to check out included: glassblowing by Terry Craig, the sculpture studio and the jewelry studio. There were also pieces of art lining the hallway walls created by students of the college on display.

Many of those at the open house came from different places and varied in age. Some were just curious about the campus while others had their sites set on enrolling.

"I'm a baker and cake decorator," said Camarvon resident Judy Carpenter. "I came here to see if I could get different ideas," she said while observing the

glassblowing workshop. Carpenter said that she is considering some of the courses Fleming has to offer.

"I might be interested in ceramics. Anything that you can make with your own hands."

Katherine Dermott of Oakville, a current student at the campus, said her studies have really allowed her to build a portfolio to use for the future. She praises the campus and community for their support of arts-orientated programs.

"If you're an artist, Haliburton is a great place to be. Most of the teachers are local artists. The faculty is really good and knowledgeable," she said.

"It's buzzing with activity," said Karen Stewart of the Muskoka's, about the campus. She is planning on taking a photography class.

"It's a hobby that I've wanted to do all my life," said Stewart.

Principal Dupret says that the amount of applicants to the school is on a steady rise.

"We're looking forward to our enrollment growing. I know that the number of our acceptances has grown," she said.

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On behalf of the "Sears National Kids Cancer Ride" and the "Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation" I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all who have supported my fundraising goals through community support from businesses, local & seasonal residents and true Haliburton spirit. In one month I have hit my target of \$15,200.00 in support of "Kids Living With and Beyond Cancer". Your generosity will allow me to focus on the training I will need to complete my ride across this great country. Although my goal has been met, I will continue to raise funds, as this year 1,500 new cases of childhood cancer will be diagnosed, along with the already 10,000 Canadian children suffering from this illness.

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Congratulations to Mark & Cinde Kellett Winners of The Sir Sam's Highlands Tour Package.





Bones of Contention on Kennisis Lake

A request to rezone Island 'C' in Kennisis Lake met with strong opposition at the Dysart public planning meeting on Monday night. Despite a well laid out site evaluation report, a decision on the proposal by Shall-May

Holdings, to amend the Dysart Official Plan and zoning of the island lying in front of Lots 4 and 5 in Concession 1 in the Township of Havelock, from Rural to Waterfront Residential, may prove to be a difficult task.

When making a request for a change of this nature the applicant is required to demonstrate the island's capability to sustain the proposed development. According to Municipal Planner Pat Martin, "The site evaluation report does demonstrate that the development can take place and indicates how it should proceed." Martin says that based on the recommendations in the report, the application also complies with provincial policies.

The site evaluation report includes details of soil testing, vegetation, an inventory of wildlife, water quality and general information about the lake itself. According to the report, soils are well drained and suited for a conventional tile field system and none of the vegetation, habitat or wildlife species are considered significant or rare enough at any level to preclude development. Kennisis Lake is managed as a Lake Trout lake by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and also has a population of Small Mouth Bass. The report includes suitable docking locations to protect fish habitats. The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) advises that the water quality of the lake is moderately sensitive to development, but suggests that with proper controls, development can proceed without impact.

Cameron Douglas, Lake Steward for the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owner's Association raised serious concerns on behalf of the Association, about the consequences of the application. Cameron said the plan for Kennisis Lake maintains 'unequivocal opposition' to any development on the island because of sensitive wetlands at the end of the lake and the aesthetic quality of the lake and island. Douglas voiced concern about septic tank servicing saying, "There is no proven track record on how this could be achieved, while ensuring the safety of the lake." Douglas also said the report made no reference to known loon nesting areas on the island, adding there are virtually no undeveloped shorelines left on the lake. He also commented that all the construction vehicles associated with the island-based construction will have to drive across a buffer zone.

Douglas spoke about the significance of Island C on the lake, saying that both Big and Little Kennisis Lake are now ringed with development, leaving very little 'breathing space' for either contemplation or wildlife refuge. He commented that: "There's too much at stake here to allow approval based on only one consultant's report," adding that while the site report did suggest that damages could be mitigated, he wasn't confident that would be the case. Douglas requested a third party peer review which is actually provided for in Dysart's Official Plan.

Douglas also commented that most of the people concerned with the development are not at the lake now and are unaware of what's happening, adding that the timing of the application doesn't allow them to become involved. Douglas officially requested, first, that the application be rejected, and second, that at the very least another peer review of the lake be conducted. This would also delay decisions until residents can be present.

Martin responded that the Official Plan provides for approval at the County level and the County does have a peer review process with two independent consultants available. Martin also advised Douglas that the application had not gone to the County yet. She also commented that it is Council that approves amendments to the zoning by-law, but given the controversial nature of the application, Council may decide to defer the zoning change until a pending full review of the zoning by-law takes place.

Jeff Gardner, one of the authors of the Kennisis Lake Plan, also made a submission about the application. Gardner and Chris Riddle are owners of Island 11 and he advised the Planning Committee that he was also making his submission on behalf of Brian and Carolyn Gibson, owners of Island 10. Gardner said they have 20 years experience living on an island and that he feels some of the recommendations made in the site report are not practical. Gardner voiced concern about what he felt would be excessive tree loss and said that the development would result in unnecessary destruction to the island. Several of Gardner's concerns mirrored those of Douglas, but he also voiced concerns about the proposed septic bed and suggested that any secondary buildings on the island would be unreasonable given proximity to loon nests.

Gardner said that his

group would prefer to see the island remain as open space, but added that in the event that the development does take place they would like to make some recommendations to remediate the results of construction. The recommendations included covenants for setbacks, undisturbed shoreline zones, utilizing a tertiary septic bed, minimizing tree removal, lighting, restrictions for a boathouse or covered slips, docks and restrictions on rock drilling and blasting. Gardner's recommended covenants were backed up with rationale from the zoning by-law and the Kennisis Lake Plan.

Paul Wilson, who acts as the agent for Shall-May, agreed to take concerns raised back to the owner to be addressed. Wilson also clarified details about proposed docking sites, building dimensions and other information provided to prove the viability of the development. Wilson also confirmed that there had been no suggestion that a second building would be constructed, adding that he did not think the island would support a second building with another septic field.

Councillor Janis Parker also raised concerns on behalf of people living close to the dam about parking vehicles or anything larger than a small boat at the dam. Douglas commented that, "there's so much at stake and such potential for high environmental impact, it is unconscionable to develop the island simply to make a profit." Further discussion ensued between Douglas and Wilson about Shall-May's history and intentions, but at this point the meeting started to break down a bit.

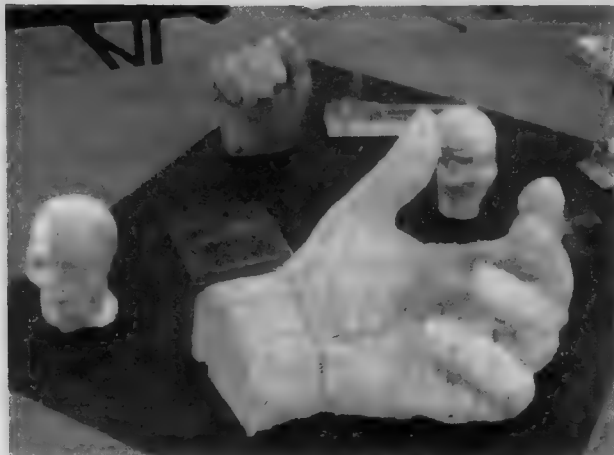
Chair Steve Pogue concluded the discussions by commenting that Shall-May Holdings are the legal owners of the property with the right to apply to develop it. He thanked everyone present for their input and the Committee went into a closed session to discuss comments made.

Stay tuned. A recommendation and decisions on this application will be made at the Dysart Council meeting on the 14th of April. ■

"It's unconscionable to develop the island simply to make a profit."

School of the Arts Holds Open House Cont'd...

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"We're building and are working towards sustainability," said Coordinator for Arts Certificate programs Susan Little. "We had a good turnout today, it was a nice day for it," said Little.

The Haliburton School of the Arts Web Site states that "not only does the campus serve the local community through

part-time studies, academic upgrading and the Employment Resource Centre, it provides an inspiring and relaxing location for the renowned Haliburton School of the Arts, and a perfect outdoor environment for Fleming's Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management program."

To do your own research on the Haliburton School of the Arts and to see what courses are being offered, visit www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca. You can also reach the campus by phone at (705) 457-1680. The next open house will be held sometime in November, so keep checking the site for dates when they become available. ■



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Congratulations to all the winners and we look forward to bringing this event to Haliburton next year.

Hodgson – On the Road Again with Canada's Under 18s

Matt Duchene - Surprise Addition to the National Squad

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

It's nice when a plan comes together.

Last summer, in an interview with the Highlands Communicator, Matt Duchene, gifted Haliburton hockey prodigy, mused aloud about some dreams and goals.

One of his objectives, and pretty high on his very detailed depth chart, involved the possibility of one day representing Canada, first as part of the under 18 squad and then, as a member of the Junior National squad.

At that point, back in August, he was a special guest of a Toronto midget squad at a cottage near Minden. Joining Duchene at the training camp were former Junior Team members and gold medalists Andrew Cogliano and Dave Bolland. A table full of gold medals and memorabilia were displayed. (Cogliano is now with the Edmonton Oilers and Bolland is with the Chicago Black Hawks.)

"I have a few goals, but right now, I'm concentrating on making this team (Brampton Battalion)," said Duchene. Battalion coach and GM Stan Butler was also at the gathering and he mentioned that he picked Duchene first in the May, 2007 Priority Selection Draft (Duchene was fifth overall in that lottery) for a reason.

"He's a very good player and that's why we went with him," said Butler at that time. However, he added that while talent is the prime concern when drafting a young player out of the midget ranks, personality and smarts also figure heavily in the process.

Butler allowed that Duchene's overall maturity, academic standing and solid family background played a big role in the selection as well.



"I wouldn't have drafted him if I didn't think he could contribute right away," added Butler. Ask and ye shall receive. In 64 games as a rookie, Duchene recorded 30 goals and 20 assists for 50 points. And, he also helped lead Ontario to a gold medal at the World Under-17 Challenge Tourney last January.

Duchene's soon-to-be Brampton Battalion teammate Cody Hodgson was supposed to be at the meet-n'-greet near Minden that weekend, but he was busy in Slovakia representing Canada at the Under 18s, a member of a squad that finished fourth in that August 2007 World Tournament.

Hodgson, who earned his stripes in the Haliburton Minor Hockey system, had a breakout tourney for Canada last summer. So, no surprise then that Head Coach Pat Quinn again picked Hodgson to represent Canada in the upcoming World Under 18 Championship slated for Kazan, Russia, April 13-23.

The real surprise is that he will be joined by teammate and long time Haliburton crony Duchene.

Duchene was a late addition to the final roster announced last Wednesday, April 2.

Duchene and Hodgson, along with the other 20 members of the Canadian squad boarded a plane for Russia last Monday.

The Canadian squad, featuring players whose teams either didn't qualify for playoffs or lost in the first round, leaves from Toronto on Monday and will play exhibition games at Minsk against host Belarus on April 10 and Finland on April 11. Canada is in a group with Denmark, Germany, Russia and Slovakia and they will open the tourney against the German Nationals on April 13.

Duchene received a congratulatory call from Quinn and as the Battalion website indicates, both Hodgson and Duchene are ecstatic about their selection.

The Battalion were ousted 4-1 in the opening round of the OHL playoffs by Barrie Colts. This tournament will obviously help to ease the disappointment of the early elimination.

"I wish we'd done better in the playoffs, but this is a real opportunity and it's a real honour for me to play on this team," said Hodgson, who now resides in Markham. Hodgson turned 18 on February 18 and is expected to go very high in the 2008 NHL entry draft. "There's a lot of talent across the country. I'm sure we'll have a good team. There's a lot of depth at this age group," added Hodgson.

Duchene was no less celebratory.

"I definitely wasn't expecting this," said Duchene, via the Battalion dot com site. "It's really a dream come true. I'll have to adapt to a whole new team with a bunch of guys from all over the country that I haven't met. I'll be one of the younger guys, but I'll be happy to play whatever role they give me."

And like we said at the outset.

It's nice when a plan falls together. ■



FLOOD AWARENESS

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Spray Cans Roasting on an Open Fire



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

It's Opening Day and I am in shorts. And sandals. That's the rule. It's -10 Celsius and I'm in the backyard looking for a Frisbee to throw to my dog Billie Jean. She is wearing a throwback powder blue Jays jersey.

That's another rule.

Opening Day, Rule 2: Play Frisbee-Dog. Billie Jean in Joe Carter jersey.

There are at least 15 Frisbees scattered loosely around the yard.

Somewhere beneath this frozen patch of tundra.

I am poking around half heartedly in four feet of snow.

In my shorts and a t-shirt and sandals. My t-shirt is a pink number that I picked up for free somewhere. I'm going with the pink because someone told me that this spring... pink is the new black.

So the pink is my bulwark against this incessant winter, which has tripped, lamentably, into extra innings. We are only supposed to play nine. I look up and curse at the storm clouds, building interminably in the distance.

"God!" I scream. "It's the fourth of April and we are running out of pitchers. Can we please end this symphony of snow... now."

A 70 mph gust drifts out of Iglulik and I hear a snap. An old birch in the adjoining property shudders to the ground, split at the trunk into sharp shards of kindling.

God, I assume, by this violent response to my ethereal entreaty, is not a big fan of the baseball metaphor.

The backyard looks a little like Greenland. In January.

Billie Jean perks up her ears. "What is it Billie?" I ask. "Do you hear a robin?"

No. I hear it now too. In the distance. Yowling.

The wind has picked up and through the blowing fog of snow I see my neighbor, Jedediah Haagendaz on a dogsled pulled by four of his favorite Malamutes. The Siberian marauders appear like blue-eyed ghosts in the snowy smog.

"Great day neighbor... whoooo weeeeee!" exclaims Jedediah. "Would you like to go for a spin?"

"Jedediah, you must be out of your freakin' mind. It's Opening Day for chrissakes!"

"Boy, I bet you're loving this weather," says Jedediah, ignoring my opening gambit.

"I just checked the mushersfromhell.com website and they're callin' for another 2 feet of snow tonight... whoo-weee!"

Because I teach skiing and snowboarding, some people get the mistaken idea that I love snow.

Wrong. I love skiing. From December to the 10th of March. The way global warming and the god of my understanding intended. On the 11th of March,

solar flares should light up the northern sky. Snow begins to melt. Robins sing. Golf courses open. The smell of BBQ wafts through backyards. Snowmobiles drop through holes in the sagging ice. March Madness trips to climax. I make my picks for the Stanley Cup Fantasy. Lovely dedicated men and women tap maples.

Because I need maple syrup on my Opening Day pancakes.

It's another rule. Pancakes and blueberries topped with butter and freshly tapped maple syrup on Opening Day.

Am I asking for too much here?

Jedediah is waiting for an answer, holding the addled,

catches 70 pounds of hardpack. My left arm goes numb and the ball somehow ricochets off an ice chunk and hits me square on the cheekbone. My left eye swells. I am Rocky Balboa, and 15 rounds with Apollo Creed.

I don't know if it was the concussion talking, but I am suddenly inspired. I clear the old open fire pit of snow.

I grab 30 dry logs from the shed and start a huge fire. I head to the dump and raid the recycle bins. I fill bags with discarded aerosol cans and every piece of Styrofoam I can find.

It's Opening Day. I am in shorts, sandals and a pink t-shirt. I am sitting in front of a fire

in my back yard. The speakers have been moved to the porch and I am listening to the Blue Jays and throwing old aerosol cans, plastic grocery bags

and Styrofoam cups onto the mounting conflagration.

The Styrofoam and plastic make a pleasant enough "pffftttt" sound as they enter the firepit. The aerosol cans are trickier. Some are exploding with loud pops. I am wearing my snowboard helmet and sunglasses to ward off any flying shrapnel and aerosol debris.

It's Opening Day and I am feeling warmer now by this huge fire, in my shorts, sandals and pink tee. My goal is to punch a selective hole in the ozone, and turn my backyard into the Garden of Eden.

I have my laptop tuned to E-Bay and am ordering two Palm Trees and some Banana seedlings.

It's Opening Day. I am sitting in front of a roaring fire in shorts, sandals and t-shirt burning toxic waste. I am sick of winter and Jedediah thinks I may have a fourth degree concussion. I ignore him. I just won a fig tree auction on E-Bay.

It's Opening Day. The Jays just scored again. They are on their way to a convincing win over the Boston Red Sox.

I'm in shorts, tee and sandals. It's 32 Celsius by the fire. I can't see out of my left eye and I have a splitting headache.

It's Opening Day and there's a new rule in effect.

Please. No one tell David Suzuki.

That guy's crazy. ■

Sports Column

yelping hounds at bay. "So are you comin'?"

"Jedediah, it's Opening Day. I am in shorts, sandals and a pink t-shirt. Exactly what part of this conversation don't you get?"

"Well, I was wondering about that. I'll be breezin' through the yard again in 20 minutes if you change your mind. Put a parka on, ya' idjut! Oh and yeah. Opening Day. I'm Tivo-ing the game... whoo-weee... gooo Jays!"

I trudge to the back door.

There is a brand new Frisbee leaning against the door.

I twirl a 75-footer into the snowbound tract. Billie takes off into the tundra. About half way to the goal she is buried shoulder-deep in a drift.

She gives me the look. If you own a dog, you know the look.

It's the look that says: "Hey pal... there's seventy freaking feet of snow here between me and that bloody blue disc. I'm stuck in a drift here. You threw it... you fetch it!"

I acquiesce.

I trudge back to the back door.

My new Callaway Big Bertha driver is standing on the porch. Five brand new Titleists and 5 new tees stand ready.

I need five drives into the open field. In shorts, sandal and t-shirt. It's Opening Day. It's the rule.

I find a safe piece of hardpack and sink the tee into the snow.

I head into my backswing, and as I reach the top and bring the club down, I fall through the snow. My Big Bertha club head

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Ebola Vaccine

A team of American and Canadian researchers say they have successfully tested several Ebola vaccines in monkeys and are attempting to create one that will protect humans from one of the world's deadliest diseases. "Successful human trials will mean that we can vaccinate health care workers and other key personnel during outbreaks of Ebola hemorrhagic fever, helping us to protect their lives and control the spread of the disease," said Dr. Anthony Sanchez of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There have been more than 1,500 cases of Ebola in humans since the disease was first identified in the heart of Africa in 1976. Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, weakness, joint and muscle aches, diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain.

Tidal Power

The world's largest marine turbine, designed to generate electricity from the force of the tides, was installed in a narrow channel between the Northern Ireland villages of Portaferry and Strangford. Water flows between the Irish Sea and Strangford Lough at up to 9 mph through the channel, and the new SeaGen turbine is designed to harness enough energy to power 1,000 homes when it is connected to the electricity grid this summer. Designers say the turbine will be nearly silent as it operates like an underwater windmill. SeaGen's manufacturer has allocated \$5 million for a study to determine if the turbine has any adverse impact on marine life. If proven safe and effective, British-based Marine Current Turbines says it will be easy to install their tidal generators anywhere that local conditions produce strong and reliable tidal flows.

A Drier Wild West

Some areas of the arid American West have warmed at twice the global average over the past five years in a trend that could threaten the water supply for more than 30 million people from Denver to Los Angeles. A new report released by the Rocky Mountain Climate Organization and the Natural Resources Defense Council says that the Colorado River basin, which covers parts of seven states, was 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the 20th century average. That is the greatest increase in temperatures in the United States outside of Alaska. The report links the warming to less snowfall, smaller snow packs and earlier snow melt, which the authors say is affecting 70 percent of the western water supplies that come from mountain snow melt.

Kamchatka Rumbblings

Far East Russia's Karymsky volcano produced nearly 100 tremors within a single day, ejecting toxic ash and other volcanic debris high into the sky above the Kamchatka Peninsula. The Kamchatka Branch of the Geophysical Service of the Russian Academy of Sciences told reporters that no fresh lava or volcanic "bombs" had been observed despite the mountain's rumbblings.

Earthquakes

A 5.0 magnitude quake in northwest China's Gansu province damaged more than 1,000 homes near the epicenter. No significant injuries or casualties were reported.

Earth movements were also felt along the west coast of Indonesia's Sumatra Island, coastal Peru, north-eastern Colombia and the Caribbean island of St. Lucia.

Ecuadorian Storm Misery

Severe Andean rainstorms brought further damage to Ecuador, where the worst flooding there in a decade has killed 47 people and damaged crops and infrastructure so far this year. Mudslides triggered by the ongoing rainfall led to the collapse of a section of highway in the southern province of Loja, isolating it from the rest of the country. A key interchange in the capital of Quito also collapsed due to a landslide. Government meteorologists say the rains will ease up during April along the coast, but will increase in the mountains and in the Amazon region.

Foxy Survival

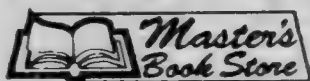
Central Europe's wily red fox is making a dramatic comeback from the verge of extinction due to the disappearance of nearly all of its natural enemies. Wildlife experts say the disappearance of predators such as brown bears, lynxes and wolves over the past 100 years have allowed the foxes to become the dominant carnivore across much of Central Europe. The fox population has managed to rebound despite sport hunting that saw more than 600,000 of the canines killed by hunters in Germany during the last hunting season alone. Foxes have adapted to live in urban environments by feeding on garbage and vermin in communities where hunting is banned. Holger Wonneberg, head of the Berlin Foundation for Nature Conservation, told DPA that it's not so much the food that humans don't eat that interests the foxes as it is the rats, mice and pigeons that the garbage attracts.

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ATTENTION VETERANS OR THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES

Ontario Provincial Command Veterans Service Officer Comrade Scott Young will be at Branch 129, Haliburton on Thursday, April 24, 2008 commencing at 9:30 am

There have been several changes in the eligibility requirements for pensions and help for veterans and their surviving spouses who are in need of assistance.

To make an appointment to talk to Comrade Young, contact Branch 129 at 457-2571, or Service Officer Ed Pickard at 457-8815.

All enquires are held in strict confidence.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Feeding Pate To Cats Puts Partner In The Doghouse

DEAR ABBY: My domestic partner and I have been together 12 years. I love him dearly. He is sweet, funny, witty, kind, and most important, willing to live with me. I can't imagine life without him.

The problem is, he has no common sense. He doesn't "get" that dishes we cook and eat with should not be used for feeding the cats. If the toilet runs over (we have old plumbing), my best bath towels should not be used to clean up the mess when there's a mop in the closet. If we're out of cat food, he should go to the supermarket and buy some, not open the can of goose liver pate we brought back from Paris. That sort of thing.

The immediate cause of my annoyance is if you have two credit cards, one with a 7 percent interest rate, the other with a 21 percent interest rate, you don't put a \$2,000 purchase on the card with the higher interest rate.

My partner is 42, but sometimes I feel like I'm the parent of a 4-year-old. If I say anything, he accuses me of being a "control freak." I don't consider myself one, but I just don't want my favorite punch bowl used as a bucket. Any ideas before I shoot the both of us? — READY TO SCREAM, GROVELAND, FLA.

DEAR READY TO SCREAM: Until they start cloning couples, there will always be one more responsible person in a relationship. Because your partnership has lasted as long as it has, I'm sure he has his strengths, too, that are different from yours.

Because you already know the state of your plumbing, stash a supply of rags or old, faded towels in your linen closet and show them to him, so that when another emergency occurs, he will be able to locate them quickly. Transfer your fine china and crystal to a cabinet that's less convenient to reach — perhaps even one with a lock — so it won't be so available when the livestock gets hungry.

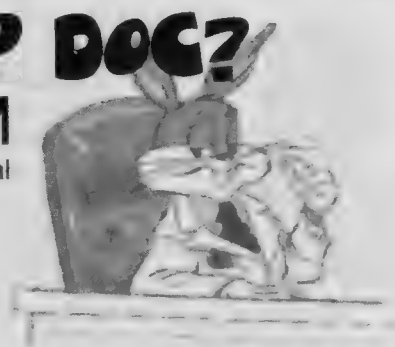
And warn your partner in advance that certain items — like pate — are only for special occasions. Also, consider transferring your balance from the high-interest credit card, or keeping it in a safety deposit box.

If all that fails, remind yourself what it was like back on the dating circuit. If that doesn't make you count his virtues, nothing will. ■

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Carol Sanio D.V.M.

From the Minden Animal Hospital



Anesthesia, Safety and Success

Many procedures, major and minor, require our pets to have an anesthetic.

They are common place but not without risks. The older the pet, the more health problems, the higher the risk. How do veterinarians reduce the risk and have safer anesthetics? They regulate the temperature during a procedure, they do pre-anesthetic examinations and blood work. They insist on intravenous catheterization and fluid therapy during anesthesia, they monitor very closely several things during the anesthetic such as blood pressure, EKG's, pulse, oxygen levels. They keep the surgical site and surgery room clean, and control the pain for smoother and faster recovery among other things.

Pre-anesthetic exams can reveal problems with the heart (murmurs, arrhythmias), or respiratory system, identify areas of pain etc. Because not all problems are revealed on a complete physical exam, blood samples are often collected to check on your pet's organ health, blood cell counts and electrolyte levels. If problems are identified, more tests may be in order to identify the cause. Some health issues must be corrected before surgery can be performed or the anesthetic drugs can be modified to suit the pet's needs. Cardiac work ups are often recommended in dogs and cats with murmurs or other cardiovascular problems. That involves chest radiographs, EKG's and possibly echocardiograms before the anesthetic.

Temperature regulation during an anesthetic procedure is most important, especially in animals less than 10 pounds as they have a large surface area compared to their mass and they lose heat quickly under anesthetic. The medications used to put the animals under an anesthetic plane will not metabolize well if the temperature is low and they can become dangerously

deep under anesthetic.

All animals under anesthetic for more than 15 minutes require intravenous catheterization before anesthetic drugs are given to ensure an access for emergency drugs should they need to be administered quickly, and IV fluid administration to maintain blood pressures during the procedure. Fluids are used to replace lost body moisture during a procedure and to maintain proper hydration throughout the surgery. Animals well hydrated and with enough pain medication and regulated body temperature wake up faster and smoother, and they also recover much faster from surgery than those without it.

Thorough monitoring during anesthesia is important. New equipment in hospitals now will measure 5-10 different parameters continuously throughout the procedure. Alarms go off when the heart rate is too low or too high, the oxygen levels reduce etc. Licensed animal health nurses monitor the depth of anesthesia, blood pressure periodically throughout the procedure and can add on special monitoring for at-risk cases or if problems arise. Surgical suites must be kept meticulously clean. Surgeons and nurses wear hat and masks and gowns when in the surgery room. All instruments are sterilized and the sterilizing equipment is monitored monthly for accuracy to avoid any contamination.

Your pet deserves and needs the best and safest anesthetic. Guessing and hoping all will be fine seems to be less expensive, but will not be in the long run if problems arise. Our pets are family; we should treat them like family members when it comes to anesthesia and surgery. We can reduce problems by looking for them ahead of time and reacting quickly when they arise. ■

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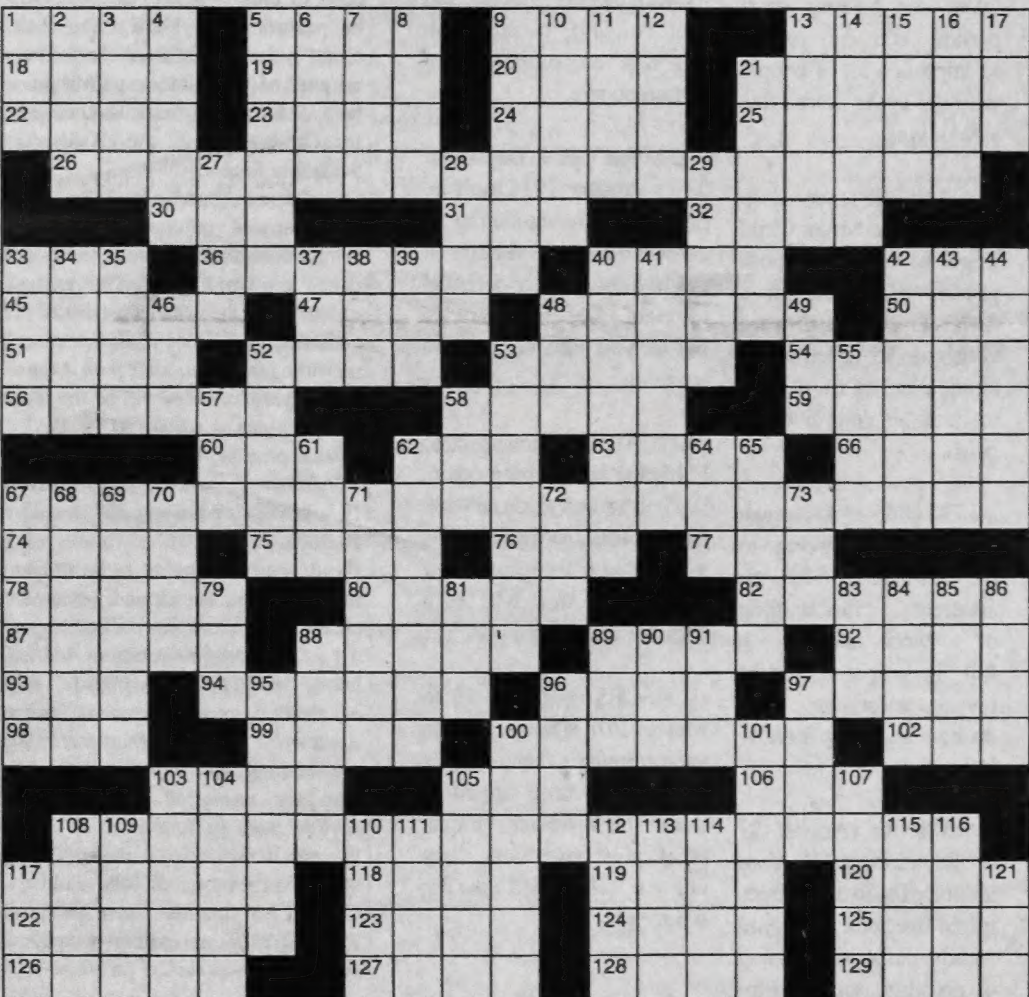
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40 "Git, Garfield!"
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45 Rap-sheet datum
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48 Runnymede's river
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53 On guard
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56 With
50 Across, fluffy feline
58 Munch (on)
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60 Pound sound
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67 Middle of question
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75 Word with rug or code
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87 Turn inside out
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94 Jonathan Winters' birthplace
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100 Barber opera
102 Deface
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106 Palm Sunday beast
108 End of question
117 King's thing
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3 Fish hook
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8 Light material
9 Take
10 Garlic segment
11 Actor Cronyn
12 "My Favorite —" ('82 film)
13 Foundation
14 Put on the street
15 Songbird
16 "So — is the thanks I get!"
17 Sea plea
21 Record music, in a way
27 Singer Redding
28 Trot or gallop
29 Sordid
33 Enthusiastic
34 Parsons or Paton
35 Impresario Rudolf
37 Producer Prince
38 Menu phrase
39 Coal container
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41 It may be magic
42 Small shrub
43 Patterned fabric
44 Plain
46 Give it — (try)
48 Even if, informally
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69 Aptitude
70 Part of EMT
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107 Director Lee
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109 Celtic
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111 Mosaic bit
112 Comparative word
113 Alley's angel
114 "The Parent —" ('61 film)
115 Biting
116 Vincent Lopez's theme song
117 Beaver, for one
121 — de plume



Announcements

Birthday Wishes

FIRST BIRTHDAY Blake Richard Wallace Pollock. One year ago today March 26th, 2007 @ 4pm a beautiful, healthy, 8lb. 6oz baby boy completed our family. You were welcomed by your Daddy Rick, Mommy Kim and big sister Kaitlyn. Momma (Darlene Johnson), Auntie, Unca and Edie Mae, Aunt Patti, Uncle Kevin and Ryan. Cole couldn't be there, but he had us in his thoughts. You were also welcomed by Nana and Poppa Campbell Aunt Mel and Uncle Brett all of Courtice, Ontario. As well as Great Grandma Pollock of Oshawa. Happy 1st Birthday Blakie Blake!! Apr b 08

Thank You

THANK YOU

On behalf of the residents of Hunter Creek Estates. We would like to thank the Prentice Boy's for keeping us plowed out all winter. See you next year ! apr b 08

Anniversary

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

April 12th
to Maria and Lawrence
from Wilfred, Shelley, Ryan and Drew.
Henny, Robert, Aleta and Elsbeth. Anne-Marie, Anthony, Juliane, Amanda, Tiffany and Justin. Lang Soll zij leve!



Events

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GENERAL MEETING. Species At Risk in Haliburton County! Learn more about plants and creatures at risk in the county at the Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust on Saturday, April 26, at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Paul Heaven speaks about his research and mapping project on Species At Risk, commissioned by the Trust and generously supported by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Starts at 10:00am.;all are welcome. More information at info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 754-2532. apr b 08

ANNUAL SPRING TEA. Zion UCW invites all ladies to our Annual Spring Tea, on Wednesday, April 16th @ 2:00 til 4:00pm. In the Zion United Church in Carnarvon. Admittance by donation. The theme is: April showers brings May flowers. Please wear a decorated hat. Apr b 08

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Country Home - \$224,900

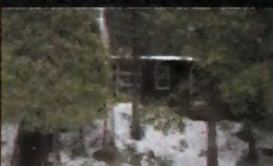

Well built three bdr home on 5.6 acres. Large deck at back with sliding glass doors. Large insulated workshop, gazebo and storage shed on property. Very private setting just 10 minutes to Minden. Enjoy country living at it's best.

Al Mayo * 286-1234

Log Home w/ Acreage - \$349,000


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Kashagawigamog Lk - \$429,900


Prime waterfront parcel on prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. 190 feet frontage, sand beach, expansive sunset west exposure, year round municipal access, level well treed lot, 'chip shot' to golf course, boathouse with guest quarters and vintage cottage. First time on market.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414

In Minden Asking \$159,900

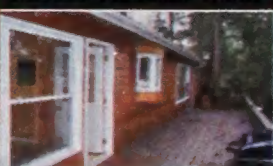

Minden spacious in town home. Home has 3 bedrooms, plus an attached in law suite. Great view of downtown Minden. House is on a private setting. Must be seen. Asking \$159,900.

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Excellent Rural - \$235,000


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Grass Lake - 5 Lake Chain - \$419,000


Charming and cozy 1,000 (approx) sq ft 3 bedroom fully winterized cottage/home plus bunkie. Floor to ceiling stone fireplace, large 3 season sunroom, newer windows & septic, drilled well and a very private hard sand beach. Turnkey (including boat & motor) A real pleasure to show.

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Gull River - \$262,500


Charming three-bedroom home, 2-storey home in a great neighborhood. Features include separate dining room, large living room, modern kitchen, lovely yard. Two sunrooms, one at front & one at back overlooking the river, 2 pc wash room behind carport for summer use only. Deck at water. Home is on town services, plus close to hospital & school.

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Ed Gibbons * 286-1234



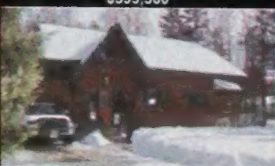
Lovely maple trees provide a park like setting for this 3 bedroom Viceroy style cottage. Open concept living room and kitchen, window corner breakfast nook, vaulted ceiling finished in pine. Large deck overlooking lake. Easy year round access.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Pine Lake - \$439,900


Nicely landscaped waterfront lot on Pine Lake. Easy year round access, ample parking, convenient location. Neat & clean modern 4 season 1320 sq. ft. home with corner fireplace and wood airtight stove, main floor laundry, main floor family room plus loads more.

Anthony vanLieshout ** 457-2414

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Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234

Cranberry Lake - \$379,000


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Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Peach Lake - \$469,900

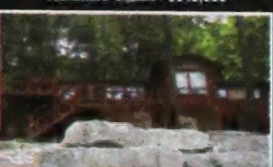

Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Kashagawigamog - \$274,900


Beautiful direct waterfront lot on prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. lakeside wet slip boathouse with roof top deck. Neat and clean 3 bedroom cottage with decking. Open concept living/dining and kitchen area-nice corner propane airtight stove. Heated water line - small shed.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414

Kennis Chain - \$649,000


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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little woolgathering is OK. But don't let that dreamy state linger beyond midweek, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

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AUDITION NOTICE Call to Haliburton Youth interested in movement and performance Local Dance Artist, Terri Mathews is looking for young people, age 10 - 16, to work with to create a dynamic outdoor dance piece. This piece will be performed in Head Lake Park, along side professional performers as part of an outdoor performance festival known as Dusk Dances. The local presenter is the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Dusk Dances, now in its 14th season, is an annual outdoor festival that brings contemporary and traditional dance to a community park. As dusk descends, a theatrical host leads the audience to 5 eclectic dance pieces unfolding throughout the park. One of these performances will be the local youth piece. **AUDITION DATE** When: Sunday April 6, 2008 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Where: Haliburton Dance Arts, 19 George St.

Requirements: Those auditioning should come prepared to participate in a warm-up, stretch and movement class. Participants may also prepare a 1 - 2 minute presentation - dance, karate sequences, gymnastic solo or rhythm piece. Previous dance experience is not a requirement. We are looking for enthusiastic youth who are interested in movement, rhythm and performance. A Dusk Dances demo video will be shown at the beginning of the audition. Contact information: Terri Mathews 705-457-1561 or haliburtondance@sympatico.ca apr 6 08

Events

DO YOU HAVE THE WINTER

BLAHS! Well mark Sunday April 13th on your Calendar Community Care is holding a welcome to spring fashion show fundraiser at the Bonnie View Inn, Showcasing Bridal wear, prom dresses, evening wear, costumes, and dance wear from Miss Lester's in Huntsville and Sparkly Jewellery or Bling from Baubles n Bon Bons in Haliburton.

Tickets are \$20.00 available at Baubles n Bon Bons or Community Care by calling 457-2941. Oh by the way - refreshments will be served.

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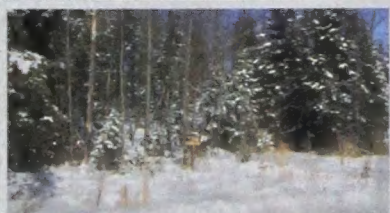
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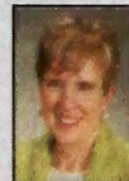
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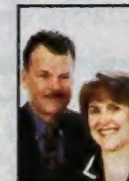
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